

Humor

1 An Incredible Tale

One day, Elton, an elephant, **stumbled** upon Trent, a **little** turtle. Trent was sitting in a **puddle**. In a flash, Elton picked up Trent with his trunk and tossed him! Trent landed in a shrub filled with **prickles**.



“What did I do?” asked Trent.

“You bit my trunk when we were **little!**” yelled Elton.

“**Impossible!** You cannot remember that!” Trent **trembled**.

“Yes I can,” Elton **giggled**. “I have turtle recall.” Word Count: 70

2 A Little Problem?

Advice

Dear Just Ask,

Help! I have a bad problem. I cannot **handle** my lab partner, Kevin! He is very timid! If Kevin has to talk with me, Kevin just **mumbles**. We had to discuss a lab in class, but Kevin just **trembled**. The whole class **giggled** at us! It is such a **struggle!** Thanks!

Fed Up

Dear Fed Up,

The answer is **simple!** Just make friends with Kevin. Ask him about himself. Compliment him. Win his trust. Be a pal and help him make friends in class. Then, Kevin will be confident. His shyness will **crumble**. Best wishes!

Just Ask

Word Count: 100


Tell two ways you could help a person be confident.



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Interview

1 Fantastic Travels

Shantel: I am just catching up with explorer Bob Mitchell. Bob, I hear your last trip had a few snags. Tell us about your **travels**.



Bob: Well, my boat tipped just as I was crossing the **channel**. I lost my bag and everything in it. I hadn't a **nickel** left. All I had was a **flannel** top, pants, and some **sandals**. But I still had to get to Africa.

Shantel: What happened next? How did you get to Africa?

Bob: Well, with luck, I **signaled** a passing ship, and it picked me up. I got a job on the ship and got to Africa with a lot of cash!




Shantel: Bob, that is incredible!

Shantel: This is Shantel Smith for Channel 10! Back to you, Nick!

Word Count: 126

Schedule

2 Channel Surfing

Channel	6:00–7:00
Animal Channel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Mammals: Facts about Black-Backed Jackals • Kennel Club Dog Show: Will the Basset or the Jack Russell Get the Medal?
Health Channel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Tips: Brushing and Flossing Help • Get Fit: Pedal That Bike!
Travel Channel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pack a Duffel Bag: Top-Notch Trips to England • Sentimental Travels: The Best Wedding Trips



Which of these shows would you watch? Tell why.

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